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SAINT THOMAS ACADEMY COMMUNITY RAISES \$11,500 FOR HAITIAN RELIEF

MENDOTA HEIGHTS, Minn., Jan. 25, 2010 – Saint Thomas Academy announced today that the school and its students, parents, faculty and staff have contributed \$11,500 to help Haitians in the wake of the recent earthquake. **The school started the donation drive with \$1,000 and a prayer service for the victims and survivors on Tuesday, Jan. 19. By Friday, Jan. 22, an additional \$10,500 was donated.**

In a letter requesting support, the campus ministers said: “As citizens of the world—and especially, we believe, as members of a Catholic high school community—we have an obligation as humans to reach out and aid those who so desperately need our help in these times. It is our natural duty to answer the call, to unite ourselves and rally around this cause in an effort to do our part in relieving the horrible suffering this disaster has caused.”

All of the contributions are going to Catholic Relief Services, which is one of the major charitable organizations coordinating the world’s response to this disaster. CRS is an arm of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and has high ratings in terms of philanthropic services, percent of monies donated used for relief services rather than administrative expenses, and accountability for funds donated.

About Saint Thomas Academy

Founded in 1885, Saint Thomas Academy is an all-male, college preparatory, Catholic, military/leadership school committed to preparing young men to succeed in college and in life. Nationally accredited by the Independent Schools Association of the Central States (ISACS), the academy challenges young men to excel academically, spiritually, morally and physically in and out of the classroom. For more information, please visit www.cadets.com <<http://www.cadets.com>> .

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